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Via email: [foia@americanoversight.org](mailto:foia@americanoversight.org)

Re: HQ-2018-01517-F

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is the final response to the request for information that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. You requested:

1. All records reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype, or WhatsApp), telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, talking points, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any oral communications, summaries of any oral communications, or other materials) between William Joseph Turenne and any of the individuals or groups listed below:
  - a. Dan Caldwell
  - b. Nathan Anderson
  - c. Shannon Hough
  - d. Pete Hegseth
  - e. Any email address ending in @cv4a.org or @cvafoundation.org
  - f. Isaac "Ike" Perlmutter
  - g. Bruce Moskowitz
  - h. Marc Sherman

Please provide all responsive records from January 20, 2017, through the date of the search.

2. All email communications between William Joseph Turenne and any external individuals or organizations (i.e., emails with addresses ending in .com/.org/.net/.mil/.edu) that mention one or more of the following search terms in the subject line, body of the email, or attachment:
  - a. "Concerned Veterans"
  - b. "Concerned Vets"



- c. CVA
- d. CV4A

In a September 4, 2018, phone call confirmed via email with Mr. Brian Yanos, formerly of my office, you agreed to a search using the following domains for Item 1 of your request: @cv4a.org, or @cvafoundation.org, and a search using the following search terms: Caldwell, Anderson, Hough, Hegseth, Perlmutter, Moskowitz, Sherman, Ike, or Shannon in reference to the individuals named in Item 1. You also agreed to waive the portion of your request asking for records describing the processing of this request.

Your request was assigned to DOE's Office of Public Affairs (PA) to conduct a search of its files for responsive documents. PA started its search on November 7, 2018, which is the cut-off date for responsive documents. PA completed its search but did not locate any documents responsive to your request.

Therefore, pursuant to Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 1004.4(d), I am unable to provide any responsive documents for PA. Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.7(b)(2), I am responsible for the determination that no responsive records exist in PA.

The adequacy of the search may be appealed within 90 calendar days from your receipt of this letter pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8. Appeals should be addressed to Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, HG-1, L'Enfant Plaza, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-1615. The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a FOIA appeal is being made. You may also submit your appeal by e-mail to OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov, including the phrase "Freedom of Information Appeal" in the subject line. (This is the method preferred by the Office of Hearings and Appeals.) The appeal must contain all the elements required by 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8, including a copy of the determination letter. Thereafter, judicial review will be available to you in the Federal District Court either (1) in the district where you reside, (2) where you have your principal place of business, (3) where DOE's records are situated, or (4) in the District of Columbia.

You may contact DOE's FOIA Public Liaison, Alexander Morris, FOIA Officer, Office of Public Information, at 202-586-5955, or by mail at MA-46 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

The FOIA provides for the assessment of fees for the processing of requests. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(i); *see also* 10 C.F.R. § 1004.9(a). In our August 30, 2018, letter you were informed your request was placed in the "other" category for fee purposes. Requesters in this category are entitled to two (2) free hours of search time and are provided 100 pages at no cost.

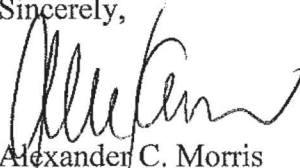
In that same letter, you were informed that your request for a fee waiver was granted. Thus, no fees will be charged for processing your request.

If you have any questions about the processing of the request or this letter, you may contact Ms. Stephanie Ostrowski or me at:

MA-46/Forrestal Building  
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
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(202) 586-1355

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Morris", written over the printed name.

Alexander C. Morris  
FOIA Officer  
Office of Public Information